

Policy Division

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Abraham Zebian
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Zebian:

I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia, and the Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to your email dated November 28, 2025, requesting immediate release of the Environmental Racism Panel's work.

Racism in all its forms is unacceptable and has no place in Nova Scotia. Government is committed to addressing racism in all of its forms. For example, Government passed legislation — *the Dismantling Hate and Racism Act* — to help address racism in Nova Scotia, and created a dedicated Office with a mandate to advance equity and dismantle racism — the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism.

With respect to the former Panel's work, Minister Halman, Minister Grosse, Minister Armstrong and Minister Martin met with the former members of the Environmental Racism Panel on December 11. The Ministers felt that the meeting went very well and that there was a productive discussion. The Panel wants to talk to their communities, share their work, and make sure they are comfortable with their work before there is any public release. Government asks that their wishes be respected.

In the meantime, the Panel's advice will continue to inform ongoing work, led by the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism, to address racism and advance equity in Nova Scotia.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,



Lynn Bowen
Executive Director, Policy
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cc: Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia